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GERMANY'S FOOD DICTATOR TELLS THE PLAIN FACTS

If Coming Harvest Is Even Medium Germany Will Have Enough for All

NO MEAT FOR CIVILIANS FOR NEXT EIGHT WEEKS

Besides Her 65,000,000 People She Has 2,000,000 Prisoners to Feed

Note.—The following exclusive interview with Herr Von Butoeki, Germany's new food dictator, obtained by a United Press correspondent at Berlin, is believed to be the first interview granted by Butoeki since he was appointed to office. It is a remarkably frank discussion of Germany's food problems. It is worthy of note that it was delayed several days intra-mission, evidently having been held up by the German censor and given careful consideration before being passed.

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(United Press staff correspondent).
Berlin, via wireless to Seydlitz, March 27. (Delayed.)—Civilians in Germany must eat no meat for the next eight weeks, Herr Adolph Von Buteko, Germany's new food "dictator" now holding one of the most important posts in the empire, told the United Press today, in a frank discussion of the food situation as he found it on assuming office last week.

This regulation, the new food minister said, should cause no alarm in Germany and no elation in the camps of Germany's enemies.

"If the coming harvest is only medium," he said, "the starvation of

"The cattle are lean now, because of the shortage of meat. Furthermore, the meat shortage is apt to continue for at least three months, he declared frankly."

"They cannot be slaughtered now. We must wait until they are fattened on pasture. But meanwhile we have enough meat for our military hospitals and places where it is urgently needed. At all events there is enough food in Germany, but it is necessary that civilians eat no meat for the next six months."

Starvation is out of the question, but we must consider not only the present food situation but the situation during the coming winter. In order to insure a supply for this winter, we must eat meat sparingly during the summer. Probably meat cards will be issued throughout Germany and there will be a few meatless weeks.

"The cause of the present shortage is the bad harvest last year. If the harvest this year is even medium, the food situation will begin to improve in the middle of July or the first of August."

Herr Von Batoeki's job is to take the strangle hold out of the British blockade. He must prevent the starvation of Germany by her enemies.

To undertake this task, an American must imagine the United States blockaded, no corn to fatten the cattle and

each person provided with half a pound of meat, a fifth of a pound of butter, war bread and plenty of vegetables each week. He must imagine, too, that the United States is at war, with all her able bodied men fighting and two million prisoners, the population of Poland, besides sixty five million Americans to feed. Then he must imagine the job of conducting a national food

Next Sunday, representatives of the larger German cities will come to Berlin for a conference at which arrangements will be made for the establishment of food depots, where cooked food will be sold at cost. This scheme has been tried already in some places with

good results. Travelers arriving from the rural districts report the crop prospects excellent. The farmers declare the present weather a gift from providence to the German people. Ambassador Gerard, returning from his autumnal lodge, reported the rye four feet high.

Mrs. Joseph Fisher, face and shoulder painfully cut and bruised.
 Percy Fisher, 14, son, bruised about body and suffering from shock.
 Mrs. W. A. Ward of Goldensile, sister of Mrs. Fisher, collarbone broken and body seriously bruised.
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fisher and son Eric, of Shaw, Or., all slightly bruised.